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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tohru TAKAHASHI

Appln. No.: TBA

Filed: December 20, 2001

For : NONWOVEN FABRIC FOR LOOP

MATERIAL OF HOOK-AND-LOOP)
FASTENER AND MANUFACTURING)

PROCESS THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. The nonwoven fabric for loop material of hook-and-loop fastener according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic filament A and/or B is sheath-core type conjugate filament composed of a high melting point core component and a low melting point sheath component.

Please add the following new claims:

12. The nonwoven fabric for loop material of hook-and-loop fastener according to claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic filament A and/or B is sheath-core type conjugate filament composed of a high melting point core component and a low melting point sheath component.